

## **CALIFORNIA INSPECTION & MAINTENANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, April 23, 2003  
9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
City Hall Council Chambers  
1333 Park Avenue  
Emeryville, California**

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Victor Weisser, Chair  
Norm Covell, Vice-Chair  
Dennis DeCota  
Bruce Hotchkiss  
Robert Pearman  
Richard Skaggs  
Jeffrey Williams

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Sheldon Kamieniecki  
James Lents

### **STAFF:**

Lynn Forsyth, Staff Services Analyst  
Yvette Johnson, Staff Services Analyst

### **MOTIONS:**

1. Committee Member DeCota made a motion for the adoption of the minutes from the March meeting. The motion received a second from Committee Member Skaggs. The minutes were unanimously adopted as written.
2. The IMRC adjourned into a closed session pursuant to Government Code section 11125.4(a), for the purpose of discussion regarding filling the position of Executive Officer of the IMRC. At the conclusion of this closed session, the public meeting was reconvened and Member Williams made a motion to adjourn the public meeting, seconded by Member Skaggs and unanimously approved by those members present.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. The Chair has been informed of the pending resignation from the IMRC of Dr. Jim Lents because of continued time conflicts with his job requirements. A brief discussion followed regarding the implication of his resignation and the ability to maintain a quorum for future meetings.
2. A brief discussion was held regarding the closed session held on April 10<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of the meeting was to interview candidates for the Executive Officer position. No transcript of the closed session will be produced.
3. A brief discussion was held regarding the letter sent by Chair Weisser on April 9th to the Air Resources Board (ARB) informing them of the IMRC's unanimous passage of a resolution urging the ARB to adopt the staff's recommendation to retain five and six-year-old model vehicles in the Smog Check Program, and urging further that the ARB and the Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) do what they can as quickly as they can to move forward with program modifications that will help improve the cost effectiveness of the inspection and maintenance program.
4. A lengthy discussion was held regarding the 30-year rolling exemption. Assemblyman Flores had introduced a bill to change the existing 30-year rolling exemption to include all cars in the program less than 45-years old. The IMRC decided to explore further whether it wants to take action - either in the context of their review of the report that ARB and BAR are going to be submitting to the Legislature or independent of that report - on making recommendations associated with freezing the 30-year rolling exemption. Chair Weisser will ask ARB and BAR for the type of data that would enable the IMRC to reach a reasoned opinion on the 30-year rolling exemption.
5. A sub-committee of Member Hotchkiss and Member Williams was formed to preliminarily assess the scope of impacts potentially associated with retention of the 30-year and older vehicles in the Smog Check Program. They will report back to the full IMRC at the next meeting on what they are able to find related to emission reductions, cost effectiveness and problems that might be associated with freezing the 30-year exemption.